

5th Annual “Northeast of McNary” Meeting:
“Pre-season Columbia Basin salmon/steelhead forecasts & fishery outlook”
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

March 27, 2013
Benton Co. PUD Auditorium
2721 West 10th Ave., Kennewick, WA
5PM – 9PM

Agenda

- Introductions
- Comments from the Director
 - New Columbia River Salmon Management Policy (POL-C3620)
 - Other?
- Regulation changes approved or effective in 2013
 - Barbless hooks for mainstem CR and tributary salmon/steelhead fisheries
 - Bass, walleye and catfish daily limit/size limit removal
 - Others?

Columbia Basin salmon and steelhead forecasts & fishery outlook for 2013:

- Upriver Spring Chinook
 - Forecasts
 - Mainstem Management Objectives/Fishery Expectations
 - Lower Columbia & Zone 6 (Bonneville – McNary)
 - Snake River
 - Tributary Fishery Expectations
 - Bonneville pool tributaries (Wind, Drano, Klickitat)
 - Yakima
 - Wenatchee/Icicle

Break (15-20 minutes)

- Summer Chinook
 - Forecast
 - Management objectives
 - Fishery expectations
 - Lower mainstem
 - Upper Columbia and tribs.
- Sockeye
 - Forecast

- Management objectives
 - Fishery expectations
- Fall Chinook (Upriver Bright & Snake River)
 - Forecast
 - Management objectives
 - Fishery expectations
 - Lower Columbia River
 - Above Bonneville Dam
 - Snake River
 - Hanford Reach/Yakima
- Steelhead
 - Forecast
 - Management objectives
 - 2013-14 Fishery Expectations
 - Bonneville pool tribs. (Klickitat, others)
 - Upper Columbia River & Tribs.
 - Snake River
- Additional questions/discussion